

Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Council
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2012

Members Present: Alison Johnson, Debbie Stanley, Rebecca MacLachlan, Krishna Winston

Others Present: Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the regular meeting January will be considered at the next meeting.

Ms. Winston reported on the preemption meeting with the Mayor. She said he asked many questions and was receptive to the idea of organic land care. He said he'd like to bring the preemption issue up to CCM and have them push it that way. The group tried to convince him that submitting his own letter of support would be most helpful but he didn't commit to it. He was very interested in what the City was doing and said he would research that.

Ms. Winston also reported on the Zero Waste Subcommittee meeting. She, Kim O'Rourke and Jennifer Weymouth attended. They decided to conduct 3 waste audits – preferably before Earth Day – at 3 different locations. The locations were chosen: 1. City Hall 2. Typhoon Restaurant 3. United Way office. They will first have to meet with the Mayor & Public Works Commission. Ms. Winston will draft a fact sheet to use at the meeting. Then we will plan an event for April 28 to announce the program. In conjunction with this, they plan to encourage community involvement by offering an individual pledge opportunity on the City website.

Ms. O'Rourke said she participated in a pilot call with all the other communities participating in this program. It was interesting to hear what the other towns were doing.

Ms O'Rourke said the HELP group at the High School was interested in helping with this project. She is going to discussion opportunities with them on March 1st.

Ms. Winston said she is completing the fact sheet and Ms. O'Rourke said she'd pass on the waste audit techniques sent to her from Jeri Weiss.

Ms. O'Rourke said the location from the Household Hazardous Waste collection has been changed to Middlesex Community College. It is scheduled for Oct. 13.

The shredfest is scheduled for April 28.

Ms. O'Rourke reported that the mattress legislation was moving forward and progress is being made with development of the paint program.

Swap Shack Schedule

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| Feb. 15 | Krishna |
| Feb. 18 | Julie |
| Feb. 22 | Monica |
| Feb. 29 | Debbie |
| Mar 3 | Harold |
| Mar 7 | Rebecca |

Members discussed recycling at the schools. They suggested contacting the PTAs and reminding them that recycling must be available for all events. Perhaps they could assist in ensuring bins are available for events.

Members asked about recycling on Main Street and how it was working. Ms. O'Rourke said there was a fair amount of contamination in the bins. A suggestion was made to put a rubber stopper in the holes to help make it more difficult to put stuff in the barrels.

Ms. O'Rourke asked about doing the rain barrel/compost bin sale this year. Members suggestion offering the idea on the website and maintaining a list of interested parties. If enough people sign up, we could do a sale.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O'Rourke

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